

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following amended paragraph:

[0010] The chassis of the fork lift truck can be at least ~~partly~~partly open on the bottom in the vicinity of the battery block. The opening in the chassis can thereby be sized so that the forks of a pallet truck used for the transport of the battery block can come into direct contact with the battery block. Likewise, the chassis can have contact and support points in the area underneath the battery block, by means of which the weight of the battery block can be transmitted to the frame.

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] To give the chassis a desired rigidity, e.g., sufficient rigidity for typical industrial uses, the invention teaches that a beam 5 that extends in the longitudinal direction of the fork lift truck is located directly above the battery compartment 1 on its open side (i.e., the right side in the illustrated embodiment). The beam 5 can be the primary load-bearing chassis component on the open side (right side) of the fork lift truck and can be used to transmit forces and moments between the front and the rear sections of the fork lift truck. In its forward area, the beam 5 can be curved downwardly and can run along (e.g., can contact) the front plate 4 of the battery compartment 1. The beam 5 can be rigidly connected in the forward area with a receptacle 6 for the front axle of the fork lift truck. In the rear area, the frame, and thus also the beam 5, directly or indirectly can be rigidly connected with the rear counterweight R of the fork lift truck, for which purpose, in the illustrated exemplary embodiment, threaded holes 7 are provided.

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

[0020] The battery compartment 1, which is open on the bottom, makes it possible to change a battery block B ~~(not shown)~~ by running a pallet truck underneath the battery compartment 1, lifting the battery block, and moving it out of the battery compartment 1. The procedure for inserting a new battery block is in the reverse order. As the battery block is being removed or inserted, the forks of the pallet truck are located between the contact points 8 that are located on the chassis. The battery block can sit on these contact points during the operation of the fork lift truck.